

All That is Seen & Unseen

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGMAa9x6rco>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is for young people to come to a better understanding of what we profess in the Nicene Creed when we say that we believe God created all things “visible and invisible”. It will also help youth see the place of humans and angels in creation and understand the dignity given to humanity through the Incarnation of the Word.

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Fr. Dan O’Rielly, Catholic chaplain at Columbia University, explains the change in the translation of the Nicene Creed from “seen and unseen” to “visible and invisible.” Angels are part of invisible creation. Like human beings, angels have an intellect and will. But they do not have a body. They are sent forth by God as messengers of his saving plan. They have great dignity, so it makes the fact that God took on a human nature even more amazing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would your reaction be if you were to see your guardian angel right now? Why?
2. What does the word *angelus* in Greek mean?
3. What do angels do?
4. How is an angel ‘invisible’ and not just ‘unseen’? What is the difference?
5. Why did Fr. O’Rielly say that humans are more important than angels? What does that tell you about yourself? What does it tell you about Jesus?

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This session helps us consider the entire created world, even the part that is not visible to our eyes. We’ve also seen our great dignity - because Jesus Christ took on our humanity, we have been raised up even higher than the angels!

This is also a great time to remember that each of us has a guardian angel given to them as a gift from God. Our guardian angel’s purpose is to guide and protect us through this life and help us get to heaven. Let’s close with the daily prayer to our guardian angel:

*Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.*